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In re Patent Application of

BREEN, Andrew Paul

Serial No. 08/537,803

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For: SYNTHESISING SPEECH BY CONVERTING
PHONEMES TO DIGITAL WAVEFORMS



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Examiner: M. Opsasnick

April 23, 1997

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for finding that three different groups of applicant's claims are patentably distinct (i.e., not "obvious" under 35 U.S.C. §103) with respect to one another -- thus giving rise to a restriction requirement. Applicant hereby respectfully elects the patentably distinct invention of Group I, claims 1-4 for further substantive consideration in the present application.

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An early and favorable substantive action on the merits of claims 1-4 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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